



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



January 1997

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ILLINOIS, Northwest

ILZ001>002-007-009-015>018-024>026-034>035 **Jo Daviess - Stephenson - Carroll - Whiteside - Rock Island - Henry - Bureau - Putnam - Mercer - Henderson - Warren - Hancock - McDonough**

09	0400CST			0	0	
10	0400CST					Winter Storm

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10	0400CST			0	1	
12	2000CST					Extreme Windchill

Strong winds and temperatures in the single digits, above and below zero, caused many schools to close Friday, January 10. This was also associated with snow and blowing snow, but the most significant element was the cold. One person was treated for exposure in the Mc Donough district hospital.

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15	0400CST			0	0	
17	2000CST					Winter Storm

A winter storm hit the area just before the beginning of the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. This meant that many schools and other businesses were closed for six days. Strong winds and sub-zero temperatures accompanied three to seven inches of snow with the storm of January 15 and 16. Schools were closed due to icy roads and snowfall on the 15th and due to considerable blowing and drifting on the 16th and 17th.

Drifting of snow was so great in rural areas that state roads and major highways were closed through much of the weekend. Interstate 80 was closed to one lane of traffic for some time across northwest Illinois because the road continued to blow shut. No mail was delivered in some areas Friday the 17th or Saturday the 18th due to closed roads.

Numerous accidents occurred across the area on the 15th and 16th, but the most serious calls came on the 17th. Most of the Sheriff Department calls, on the 17th, came from motorists in ditches or otherwise stranded asking for assistance home. One man in Bureau County, Illinois was trapped for seven hours on highway 34 from 3 AM to 10 AM.

Winds averaged 20 to 25 mph with gusts to 45 mph and temperatures were below zero through much of the weekend. This produced dangerous windchill temperatures.

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17	0400CST			0	0	
19	1000CST					Extreme Windchill

Extreme windchill followed the winter storm of the 15th through the 17th. Temperatures ranged in the single digits, above and below zero, combined with winds which ranged from 20 to 25 mph with gusts to 45 mph.

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24	0400CST			0	0	
	2000CST					Winter Storm

Freezing drizzle and sleet coated streets and highways during the early morning hours, followed by 2 to 4 inches of snow. This mix caused very slick roads and exterior surfaces. Over 100 vehicle accidents were reported across southeast Iowa and northwestern Illinois. Numerous accidents were reported elsewhere, among them; one woman killed near Little York, Illinois when her vehicle side-swiped a semi-truck.

IOWA, East Central and Southeast

IAZ040>042-051>054-063>068-076>078-087>089-098>099 **Buchanan - Delaware - Dubuque - Benton - Linn - Jones - Jackson - Iowa - Johnson - Cedar - Clinton - Muscatine - Scott - Keokuk - Washington - Louisa - Jefferson - Henry - Des Moines - Van Buren - Lee**

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Three to five of snow fell across the area causing numerous accidents. One man was killed when he lost control of his pickup and struck another vehicle near Wilton, Iowa. In another area, a semi-tractor trailer overturned east of Walcott, Iowa.

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Several semi-trucks were reported to have jack-knifed on area roads and interstates causing roads to be closed. One accident involved one semi-truck narrowly missing another which was jack-knifed in the road. This second semi-truck carried 4 - 7500 lb drums of uranium hexafluoride. None of the drums leaked, but they were jostled, and a section of Interstate 80 was closed for four hours while the drums were lifted back into place aboard another truck and secured.

WISCONSIN, Extreme Southwest

NONE REPORTED.